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Idaho Milk Production in 2012 at Record High

Idaho milk production during January 2013 totaled 1.10 billion pounds, a 1.3 percent decrease from the same month last year, and a 1.5 percent decrease from December 2012, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average milk production per cow for January 2013 was 1,900 pounds, down 20 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during January was 580,000 head, down 1,000 head from January 2012.

Annual milk production for Idaho during 2012 was at a record high of 13.6 billion pounds, a 2.3 percent increase from 2011. Production during 2012 was 23,376 pounds per cow, up from 22,934 pounds per cow in 2011. The average number of milk cows increased to 580,000 head, up 2,000 head from 2011. Idaho ranks third behind California and Wisconsin in total milk production.

Milk production in the 23 major States during January totaled 15.9 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from January 2012. December revised production at 15.7 billion pounds, was up 1.7 percent from December 2011. The December revision represented a decrease of 5 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,871 pounds for January, 11 pounds above January 2012. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.50 million head, 2,000 head less than January 2012, but 6,000 head more than December 2012.

The annual production of milk for the United States during 2012 was 200 billion pounds, 2.1 percent above 2011. Revisions to 2011 production decreased the annual total 81 million pounds. Revised 2012 production was up 40 million pounds from last month's publication. Production per cow in the United States averaged 21,697 pounds for 2012, 361 pounds above 2011. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 15.7 percent from 2003. The average number of milk cows on farms in the United States during 2012 was 9.23 million head, up 0.4 percent from 2011. The average number of milk cows was revised up 2,000 head for 2012.

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